

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01209-TSC**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/23/2018  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/23/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5496915) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Summons, # <u>9</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/23/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 05/23/2018)

05/24/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/31/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/29/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/28/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/29/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 5/29/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 05/31/2018)
06/28/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian J. Field on behalf of All Defendants (Field, Brian) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
06/28/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Field, Brian) (Entered: 06/28/2018)
07/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff's, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order no later than 8/1/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/4/18. (DJS) (Entered: 07/04/2018)
07/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/1/2018. (tb) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/30/2018	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/30/2018)
08/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Defendant's <u>7</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time is hereby granted. The parties shall file their Joint Status Report by August 8, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/6/2018. (lctsc2). (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/8/2018. (tb) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of <i>Filing of Exhibit to Joint Status Report (ECF No. 8)</i> (Proposed Order) by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>8</u> , the parties are hereby ordered to file another joint report and proposed order September 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/8/18. (DJS) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/7/2018. (tb) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
09/07/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>11</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a joint status report and proposed order by 10/1/18. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/25/18. (DJS) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/1/2018. (tb) (Entered: 09/26/2018)

09/26/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report by October 31, 2018, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a briefing schedule, the parties shall attach a proposed order. Additionally, the parties shall file a joint status report within thirty days of the Defendant's final response to Plaintiff's FOIA request identifying what, if any, issues remain. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/19/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/19/2018)
10/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
10/31/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
03/01/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>and Settlement Agreement</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robyn K. Bitner on behalf of NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Bitner, Robyn) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. Attorney Martha Upton Fulford terminated. (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Stipulation of Dismissal <u>16</u> , this action is hereby dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/2/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/02/2019)